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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: A JOINT STRUCTURE USING A GUSSET  
PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE JOINT  
STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF  
ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A  
BUILDING

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Examiner: Mark R. WENDELL

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MS AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 10, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the claims; and**

**Remarks.**